

**AN OLD MAN'S DOUBLECRIME.****BHOOTING FIRST HIS AGED WIFE AND THEN KILLING HIMSELF.****Pieces of Crime Told about the Gun and the Pistol that the Suicides Used—Stories of a Strangely Violent and Cruel Temper.**

At Union Hill, N. J., Jacob Kuntz, a German, 63 years of age, yesterday inflicted a fatal wound on his wife, and immediately afterward committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. The place in which this double crime was perpetrated is known as "Stoop's Hall." It is situated on Hudson avenue, near the corner of Franklin street. The building is a rambling frame structure, two stories and a half high. It was erected and for a time was occupied by a wealthy man, from whom it subsequently derived its name. After he removed to Hoboken, about two years ago, it was converted into a park and beer garden, but as the venture did not prove successful, the premises were allowed to fall into disuse and decay. A pavilion extends along the entire length of the south side of the building facing on Franklin street. Beyond the pavilion, but on the same floor with it, is the ball room, a large and lofty apartment. To the rear of it there is a kitchen, and on the second story are several rooms, most of which are at present inhabited by poor families. The shambles in the enclosure around the building have degenerated into a thick and heavy inclosure.

Among the tenants of the hall were John, the son of Jacob Kuntz, and his wife Carrie. About nine weeks ago John's mother, Anna Maria Kuntz, separated from her husband, who lived at Homestead Station, on the Midland Railroad, and came to live with them. She explained that she had had a quarrel with her husband, and that she had found it impossible any longer to bear his cruel treatment. Acting under the advice of her friends, she commenced proceedings for a divorce, and on Monday last a decree was entered in her favor.

Yesterday morning she arose at 5 o'clock and dressed. She intended to go on an excursion, and had made arrangements to leave the house at an early hour without disturbing the other members of the family. Her husband, however, descending the staircase stairs led to the pavilion. He did not speak to her, but remained seated for a few moments, and then rose and left. John, his son, who had been summoned by his father, was awoke by a quick succession of shots, between which he heard distinctly the piercing report of the gun. He sprang from his bed and hurried down stairs. At the foot of the staircase he came upon the body of his mother, lying in a pool of blood. He told his wife, "She is dead." John then came to his assistance, they raised the wounded woman from the floor and carried her to her bedroom. While she was engaged in attending her, her husband returned, and, after a hasty search in the park at the rear of the house. In great haste he threw on part of his clothing and ran into the pavilion, where he found his wife lying on the tall grass near a stable shed at the rear of the yard. On approaching he found that it was the body of his father. He was exultant. The body of his wife lay beside him, the hand stretched, and the face was covered with blood, which ran from the mouth and from a large pistol-shot in the temple. Near the body lay a pistol of the Hopkins & Allen make, and a heavy double-barreled gun. Two piles of black grape were wound around the locks of both guns.

Ron, a neighboring physician, was summoned to attend the injured woman. He examined her injuries and said that she would die if she did not receive immediate aid. About midway between the elbow and the shoulder had passed into her breast. She died before he could reach her. The physician was deeply grieved, but no hours are entertained of her recovery.

Coroner Wiggin took charge of the body of John Kuntz, and the coroner of Hoboken, of that of his wife. Mr. Ogen Hoffman of 28 East Ninth street was robbed of her watch, a family heirloom, in a Seven street car, about 1 P.M. on March 1. James E. Sill, alias "Jack Sharpard," a pickpocket, was captured in the act of robbing a man in the park at the rear of the house. In great haste he threw on part of his clothing and ran into the pavilion, where he found his wife lying on the tall grass near a stable shed at the rear of the yard. On approaching he found that it was the body of his father. He was exultant. The body of his wife lay beside him, the hand stretched, and the face was covered with blood, which ran from the mouth and from a large pistol-shot in the temple. Near the body lay a pistol of the Hopkins & Allen make, and a heavy double-barreled gun. Two piles of black grape were wound around the locks of both guns.

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The reporter heard many strange stories of Kuntz's violent and brutal deportment. "Ever since I was born," said one, "my father and my mother have been continually fighting with each other. He was a bad and frequently drunkard, and would do nothing. He frequently beat me and my brother, and when I was four years old I recollect distinctly that he tried to kill her with a club, and thought he had succeeded in which the Adversary gave response. He saw the Great Spirit, and when he awoke he had a bright light in his eye, and he was cured of all his sins."

"He had a horrible existence, but, however, he led a life of misery."

"He did not confine himself to drinking, but, however, he did not go to the saloons, but to the home of the snuffe of Homestead Station. Then he made a careful inspection of the premises. In the places that he visited he and room, and after he had made his examination, he left, but the men were cut off, so that Dolan was arrested, and Mr. Sill, a student of law, one of the lawyers who were tried, said: "I recognized Dolan in one of the jolts that supported the roof."

The Commission then adjourned to Thursday, July 22.

The law which created the Commission empowers the commissioners to require such audit as they may deem to be just and equitable.

**SCALDED TO DEATH.****The Dreadful Accident which Befell Mrs. Walker at Poughkeepsie.**

POUGHKEEPSIE, July 7.—The death of Mrs. Corn Walker of New York, in this city yesterday, was surrounded by circumstances of an extraordinary nature. Her husband is in the employ of the Sixth Avenue Railroad Company, and she came here a short time ago with her child, nine weeks old, to visit her mother. She was subject to epileptic fits and was quite delicate. Yesterday morning, about 9 o'clock, the family were chating in the dining room when Mrs. Walker started out singing, saying she was going up stairs into the bathroom. Being absent some time, one of the family went to the bathroom door and found it locked and heard groaning inside. Entrances was effected through a window, when Mrs. Walker was found sitting up in bed, gasping for breath and groaning. She had on all her clothing. As quickly as possible the unfortunate woman was sent to the hospital, where she died of the hot water faucet running. Her clothes were removed when the lower part of her body was found to be scalded. The surrounding supports the theory that as soon as she entered the bathroom she was so overcome by the heat that she threw her hand around for support, when she accidentally struck the hot water faucet and turned it on full head, and she was scalded to death.

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